

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1439

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                 In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Frederick

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** School employees; criminal acts

**5. Summary:** School employees; criminal acts. Requires (i) notification to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the division superintendent of the conviction of any individual holding a license issued by the Board of Education; (ii) local school boards to develop policies and procedures to address complaints of sexual abuse of a student by a teacher or other school board employee; (iii) the Board of Education to include requirements for the denial, suspension, cancellation, revocation, and reinstatement of licensure in its licensure regulations; (iv) notification to the Board of Education when a licensed employee of a school board is dismissed or resigns for certain convictions of enumerated crimes; and (v) notification to the Superintendent of Public Instruction when any individual holding a license is the subject of a founded complaint of child abuse or neglect.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimate:** Preliminary, see item 8.

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** No state fiscal impact. Due to the notification requirements included in this legislation, there could be some administrative costs for local school divisions, however, it is assumed that such costs would be absorbed within current resources.

Court System: This bill requires the clerk of court to notify, (as soon as practicable), the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the division superintendent of the conviction of any individual holding a license issued by the Board of Education for certain offenses. Clerks already have the obligation to report to the Boards of Medicine and Dentistry (§§ 54.1-2709.4(F) 54.1-2909 (F)) their respective license-holders who are convicted of various offenses. The courts will develop similar procedures to provide this notice and to do so without major financial impact.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Board of Education, local school divisions.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** There is also a technical amendment.

**11. Other Comments:** Same as SB241.

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c: Secretary of Education